

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process for producing a colored fine particulate resin, which comprises the following steps:

bringing a colored resin, which comprises a thermally fusible resin and a colorant evenly distributed in said thermally fusible resin, into a molten state;

forming said colored resin, which is in said molten state, into droplet-shaped fine particles in a non-dissolving medium which does not dissolve said colored resin; and then

cooling and solidifying said droplet-shaped fine particles wherein said thermally fusible resin is a polyester resin having aromatic rings or alicyclic rings, or an epoxy resin having aromatic rings or alicyclic rings.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A The process according to claim 1, wherein said colored resin has a melt viscosity of from 1 to 500 Pa·s at a temperature of from 80°C to 180°C.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A The process according to claim 1, wherein said colored resin has a melt viscosity of from 1 to 100 Pa·s at a temperature of from 90°C to 160°C.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A The process according to claim 1, wherein in said forming step of said droplet-shaped fine particles, said non-dissolving medium is set at a temperature of from 80°C to 200°C; and said cooling and solidifying step is conducted at a temperature of from -10 to 20°C.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The process according to claim 1, wherein in said forming step of said droplet-shaped fine particles, said non-dissolving medium is set at a temperature of from 100°C to 160°C; and said cooling and solidifying step is conducted at a temperature of from 0 to 10°C.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The process according to claim 1, wherein said colored resin in said molten state is dispersed in an emulsified form in a non-dissolving liquid medium.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The process according to claim 1, wherein said colored resin in said molten state is formed by injecting, dispersing or spraying the same into a non-dissolving liquid or gaseous medium.

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The process according to claim 1, wherein said thermally fusible resin is a polyester resin having aromatic rings or alicyclic rings, a glass transition point not lower than 50°C, and a softening point of from 100 to 50°C.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The process according to claim 9, wherein said polyester resin has a weight average molecular weight of from 1,000 to 50,000.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The process according to claim 1, wherein said thermally fusible resin is an epoxy resin of a bisphenol polyglycidyl ether type, or an ester derivative thereof.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A The process according to claim 11, wherein said epoxy resin or said ester derivative thereof has a weight average molecular weight of from 1,000 to 50,000.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A The process according to claim 1, wherein said colorant is at least one colorant selected from the group consisting of a yellow pigment: a 27:3 by weight parts mixture of C.I. Pigment Yellow 128 and phthalimidomethylated disanthraquinonyl-monophenylamino-s-triazine, a red pigment: a 27:3 by weight parts mixture of C.I. Pigment Red 122 and phthalimidomethylated dimethylquinacridone, a blue pigment: a 27:3 by weight parts mixture of C.I. Pigment Blue 15:3 and phthalimidomethylated copper phthalocyanine, and a black pigment: a 27:3 by weight parts mixture of C.I. Pigment Black 6 and phthalimidomethylated copper phthalocyanine.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A colored fine particulate resin produced by a process according to any one of claims ~~4-13~~ 1-7 and 9-13.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A The colored fine particulate resin according to claim 14, which is useful in an image recording material, printing material or paint.

Claim 16 (Original): A process for coloring an article, which comprises coloring said article with an image recording material, printing material or paint comprising a colored fine particulate resin according to claim 15.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1-7, and 9-15 are currently amended.

Claim 16 is original.

Claim 8 is canceled.

Upon entry of the amendments Claims 1-7 and 9-16 will be active.

The amendment to Claim 1 is supported by original Claims 1 and 8.

The amendments to Claims 2-7, 9-13 and 15 are to clarify Claim language.

No new matter has been added by the amendment.